

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action of March 15, 2006, in which claims 1-4 and 6-12 are presently pending. Of those, claims 1-3, 6, 7 and 12 are now rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,672,543 to Chang, et al. In addition, claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang. However, claims 4, 8 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.


The present amendment supplements Applicants' amendment filed on June 9, 2006, as discussed with the Examiner in a telephone call from the undersigned on June 19, 2006. Claims 3 and 4 have now been cancelled, with the subject matter of the same now incorporated into independent claim 1. As such, claim 1 has been placed in condition for allowance.

In addition, claim 8 has now been cancelled, with the subject matter of the same now incorporated into independent claim 6. Claim 9 is amended to depend directly from claim 6. As such claims 6 and 9-12 have been placed in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of previously cancelled claims 2 and 7 by way of a Continuation Application.

For the above stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0458 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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